

# **HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION**

## **Quarterly Meeting**

**One Capitol Hill, Conference Room A**

**Providence, RI**

## **M I N U T E S of June 8, 2007**

**Susan Baxter, Chair, called the meeting of the RI Housing Resources Commission to order at 9:10am in Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI. Present were:**

**Baxter, Susan-Chair**

**Bodington, Susan**

**Caffey, Joseph**

**Castro, Nelly-Staff**

**Cola, Jeanne**

**Coleman, Marcie-Legal Counsel**

**De Los Santo, Doris-Staff**

**Fields, Barbara**

**Hajian, Kaveh**

**Hannifan, Chris**

**Langley, Dennis**

**McAvoy, Gerald-Legal Counsel**

**McDonough, Bob**

**McKenna, Bill-Guest**

**Nadeau, Gene**

**Neirinckx, Ray-Staff**

**Price, Darlene- Staff**

**Ryczek, Jim**

**Sekeres, Bonnie**

**Shawcross, Noreen-Ex. Director**

**Staaf, Monica**

**Tondra, Mike-Staff**

**Van Noppen, Mark**

**Voccio, Valerie**

**Walsh, Peter**

**Pursuant to Chapter 46 of Title 42 General Laws of Rhode Island, notice of this meeting was posted at the State House and at RI Housing Resources Commission offices.**

**1. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2007.**

**Joe Caffey moved approval of the minutes; Peter Walsh seconded. Motion passed.**

**2. Report of the Chair**

**In response to a suggestion from Commissioner, Bonnie Sekeres, the Commissioners have determined that meetings will now begin at 8:30 rather than 9:00. A revised schedule of meetings was sent to the Commissioners due to our increased responsibilities in the distribution of funds.**

**Susan Baxter distributed a written report (attached). Major points**

**included:**

- **We are awaiting final word on the HRC budget, but do expect the Neighborhood Opportunities Program and the Building Homes Rhode Island Bond to be funded.**

- **The HRC received 56 applications with 40 million dollars in funding requests for bond funds. Susan has appointed the disbursement committee. (A list of all chairs and members of the NOP and Bond Committees was provided in the packet for today's meeting).**

**Due to the number of requests for bond funding, Susan Bodington made a motion that we request all of the remaining funds in the FY 2008 Capital Budget. Jeanne Cola seconded. Motion passed. Noreen Shawcross will transmit this to the Budget Office.**

- **The Consolidated Homeless Fund awards have been determined. Due to cuts in the HRC budget, there were many reductions. Through an agreement with RIPTA, a transportation program will be implemented in 2008.**

- **The Office of Planning has held two meetings and will do a workshop in August to assist planners in completing this year's legislatively mandated progress report on local housing plans.**

- **Bank of America presented NOP funded projects with \$100,000 (10 agencies, \$10,000 each) at a breakfast in May.**

- **The Emergency Shelter Subcommittee met to assess possible plans and resources to address shelter gaps, especially the issue of women staying overnight at Crossroads. Recommendations will be sent to the Governor.**

- **Evelyn Quinones has left the staff for full time state employment.**

- **Chris Hannifan, representing Brenda Clement, and Marcie Coleman, Legal Counsel, were welcomed. Brenda was sent warm get well wishes from all the Commissioners.**

### **3. Review of Budget FY 2007**

**Commissioners were provided with a financial statement showing FY 2007 expenditures.**

### **4. Neighborhood Opportunities Program-Resolution**

**Ray Neirinckx reviewed the project Matrix for the remaining FY 2007 funding (attached). Peter Walsh moved to approve the resolution for funding. Barbara Fields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mark Van Noppen and Dennis Langley recused themselves from discussion and vote,**

### **5. Staff Update (PowerPoint attached.)**

### **6. Public Comment Period**

**Fair Housing trainings for local planning officials are scheduled for June 13 and June 26 as part of the work of the state's Fair Housing Grant from HUD.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Friday July 27, 2007 at 8:30 am, Conference Room A, 2nd Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.**